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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

There were only seven of us in Hickory on May 19, but I think everyone there will agree that it was a terrific gathering. I found it to be! I sold quite a few duplicates and (more importantly) I bought about a dozen beauties!

If you were not there, you have a chance in November to correct the error you made in May. **Notice the location and date of our next meeting in the President's Report.**

We currently have 36 members, which is pretty good. But we could always use a few more. Encourage a friend who is not a member to join. And at the Hickory meeting the treasurer reported a current balance of \$744.76. Even though that represents \$70 in advance dues payments, we seem to be slowly building a small financial cushion.

Finally, here it comes, send in those ads, articles, etc.

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Comments, suggestions, reactions, (maybe even) criticism, will be gratefully accepted. Let us know!

Articles, New Finds, Announcements, and Classifieds to Don Bailey only! Dues to Bob King only!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to all members of CARTS,

I trust that your summer has been hot, but hopefully not too hot. I wish that the exonomia pickings would be as plentiful as the tomatoes have been here in South Carolina. A couple of goodies ripen on eBay every now and then, but it is certainly not a bumper crop. Maybe you have been having better luck than me?

I hope you will be able to make our fall meeting this year. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Greenville, SC on Saturday, November 3rd. Look for more details in the next newsletter, but please go ahead and mark your calendars for that Saturday.

At our spring meeting, Don Bailey asked what can be done to make the newsletter the best of its class. I have an idea. Wouldn't it be great if every member wrote a short piece on some item that he added to his collection in the past 3 months? It wouldn't have to be long or involved, but its publication would not only help the newsletter, it might even help your own collection by letting other members know what type of items you collect. Give it a try. I'm sure that Don would be glad to help with any editing skills that may be necessary.

Remember to mark your calendars for November 3rd. I hope to see a good crowd in Greenville!!

Regards,
Tony Chibbaro
CARTS President

INGLE SYSTEM TOKENS are the largest group of North Carolina Tokens by a single manufacturer. One hundred ninety five (195) + or – 2 Ingle Tokens are known from North Carolina. The Ingle Shipping Records attributed most Ingle Tokens by listing business owner's names and the destination of the shipment. The problem tokens are the ones with an "assumed name" on the token instead of the business owner's name. An example is "Highland Market"; the shipping records list the owner's names, Wells & Brown, with a destination of Bessemer City, NC. I am attempting to identify all the Ingle Tokens from North Carolina with an assumed name in order to make the NC Token Book as complete and accurate as possible. This is also important to the complete national list, and John Byars is working to make the master list as accurate as possible. If you own an Ingle System "assumed name" Token you believe to be from NC, let me know and I will try to connect it with the owner's name and town. If you have any knowledge of an assumed name Ingle from NC please let me know so I can correct the listing.

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New Finds from South Carolina

Tony Chibbaro

Two months ago there was a seller on eBay who was offering a pair of unlisted S.C. tokens. Fortunately, after some spirited bidding, I was the new owner of both, which are illustrated below. One interesting thing about the seller was that he had found both of these tokens, along with a few dozen other rare Southeastern tokens, in an old general store that had operated in Waycross, Georgia. Really great finds like this still can be made occasionally and it's been interesting to follow as the seller continues to post a couple of items per week.



Saltkeatchie / Lumber / Co. / Olar, S. C. // Good For / 100 / In Merchandise – R, Al, 35mm

The Saltkeatchie Lumber Company was founded in 1905 by brothers J.H. and R.W. Schofield with the purchase of some 7200 acres of swampland in Bamberg, Colleton, Barnwell, and Hampton Counties. A small

sawmill was built in 1906 at a railroad siding called Schofield, located a few miles south of Olar. An eight mile logging railroad ran parallel to the Salkehatchie River (note spelling of the river is different from the company's name). The sawmill burned down on October 27, 1909, but a new mill was up and running by mid-1910. The company later came under the control of Philadelphia capitalists and by 1917 reports indicated the logging railroad had grown to 18 miles of main line. The company disappears from the business directories by 1924. The token illustrated above is made of aluminum and measures 35mm in diameter. It is presently the only known token from this issuer. (Most of the above information was garnered from a book called *Logging Railroads of South Carolina* by Thomas Feters. This is a great book if you have any interest in lumber tokens or the logging industry in South Carolina.)



Payable At / Roberds Bros. / Store / Delta / Plantation / J. A. Huger // Good For / 25¢ / In Trade – R, Al, 28mm.

The second token I purchased from the aforementioned eBay seller was a maverick token that was not readily identified as being from South Carolina. In fact, a 5¢

specimen from this same issuer appeared in the back sections of both the Louisiana and Mississippi token books as possibly being from those localities. But a little research by the seller identified a possible South Carolina link, and further research by me provided a verifiable South Carolina location.

The 28mm aluminum token has plenty of information inscribed on its obverse. No less than three business entities are shown: Roberds Bros. Store, Delta Plantation, and J.A. Huger. The last two provided the seller with the possible S.C. link. A webpage served up by Google mentioned a Delta Plantation in the southernmost portion of South Carolina near the Savannah River that was once in the possession of the Huger family. This was enough to spur me to see if I

could pin down the Roberds Brothers to the same area. A search of my business directories provided the link I was seeking. The 1908 Dun showed the Roberds Bros. as operating a cotton gin in the small town of Scotia in southwestern Hampton County, about 10 miles from the Savannah River. This is in the same area where the Delta Plantation was said to have been located. Further directories revealed that the Roberds Brothers operated as early as 1902 and as late as 1910. Some directories list a general store, some just a cotton gin. It is possible that the store & gin were located on or near the plantation and not actually in the town of Scotia, but this is not clear from their directory listings. Further research may prove or disprove that assertion.

Two Tokens From My Own Backyard

Tony Chibbaro

Not many token collectors can boast of owning a token that was issued by a business which operated in their own backyard; but now I can thanks to some recent research performed by CARTS treasurer and supreme token sleuth Bob King. Actually we both owned one of the maverick tokens from this issuer, but since Bob pinned down the attribution a couple of months ago, I have become the proud owner of both specimens. The tokens in question were issued by J.P. Deaton for use at his dairy named Fairview. Bob's scalloped token was "Good For 1 Quart of Sweet Milk" while my square token was for 1 Pint. There was one other difference between the two tokens besides the shape and value and that was the telephone number shown on the obverse. Bob's token boasted a 4-digit number (7303) while mine had only a 3-digit number (612). (Also note the misspelling of the word PHONE on the square token.)



Fairview Dairy / (design) / J. P. Deaton, / (ball) / Phone 7303 // Good For / 1 / Quart / Of / Sweet Milk



Fairview Dairy / (design) / J. P. Deaton, / (ball) / Phnoe 612 // Good For / 1 / Pint / Of / Sweet Milk

I have owned my example for many years, originally purchasing it at the Columbia bottle show in 1990. I was told by the seller at the time that he had obtained it at an estate sale in Greenville County. Naturally, I attempted to attribute it over the years and had done some research at the Greenville County library, figuring that it was a logical place to start. I was able to find mention of a John P. Deaton in the city directories there, but never as the proprietor of a dairy. No phone numbers appeared beside his name and there was no mention anywhere of a Fairview Dairy. And, unfortunately, the library's collection of telephone directories does not begin until the 1950s.

I had kind of given up on the hope of attributing the token when Bob King had the idea of checking the old deeds recorded at the Greenville County Courthouse. What he found there was very surprising, to me at least. A deed filed on April 17, 1917 recorded the sale of 17 acres of land from John P. Deaton to H.P. McGee. A line in the contract characterized the land as consisting of the "entire dairy place" of John P. Deaton. So, here was the connection that solidified the attribution to Greenville, but the surprising part was yet to come. The home site mentioned in the deed was situated on a two-acre tract which was located at the intersection of Chick

Springs Road and Rutherford Road, which was about a block from the house where I grew up. The remaining 15 acres was located adjacent to the home site. As a child growing up in the area in the 1960s, I can recall a large pasture behind my house that had obviously been part of a farm at one time. No food crops were being grown and no farm animals were being raised there at the time, but I do recall hay being harvested more than once. I do not recall any old farm buildings and the home site mentioned in the deed had long since given way to a shopping center, but the pasture behind my house could have been home to the dairy cows of J.P. Deaton and his Fairview Dairy.

Since Bob's discovery of the deed, I have researched more fully the life of John P. Deaton and this is what I found. The 1900 US Census shows John P. Deaton and his wife Mary E. Deaton as living in Greenwood County. John was 38 years old at the time and had been born in March 1862 in South Carolina. His occupation was listed as farmer and there were 7 children living in the household - 2 daughters, 5 sons, and three adults - Deaton, his wife, and his mother. Apparently the Deatons moved to Greenville soon after the census was taken, as they appear in the 1901-02 Greenville City Directory. John P. is listed as a clerk and Mary E. is shown as his wife. Their residence is shown as Poe Mill. The 1903-04 directory again shows both adults, with John listed as a salesman for Barr Hardware. The residence is shown as 118 Poe Mill. In the 1907 and 1909 directories, John is listed as an employee of Monaghan Mills, with the family living on Macbeth

Street in 1907 and Smyth Street in 1909. There are no listings in the 1912, 1913, or 1915 directories. (It is this period during which Deaton was undoubtedly operating his dairy on the outskirts of town.) The family reappears in the 1917-18 directory, with John as a salesman for the firm of T.R. Watkins with the family residence at RD#5 (Rural Delivery Route #5, which was probably the location of the dairy farm). The 1917-18 directory listing is the last one for Deaton and his family. The 1920 US Census, however, reflects a move back to the countryside. Deaton, his wife Mary, and one son are shown as living in Williamston in Anderson County. John P. Deaton, now age 58, is listed as a cotton farmer. There is no listing in the 1930 Census.

What can be said of the life of John P. Deaton? I believe that his life was not much different from the tens of thousands of other rural farmers across the Southeast who were lured from their farms to the cotton mills by the promise of a regular paycheck and then came to realize that the mill life wasn't quite what they had expected. Deaton had ten mouths to feed in 1900 when he moved his family from relatively rural Greenwood County into the mill town of Greenville. He and/or some family member worked for at least two of the mills in town, probably all the while wishing he was still on the farm. He even saved enough money to purchase a dairy farm, operating it for a few years before moving again. At the end of his life, he was back on the farm full time, this time growing cotton for the mills.

A NEW FIND: THE GREEN AND MCCLURE TOKEN FROM GRAHAM, N.C.

LAMAR BLAND



As the photo above indicates, Green and McClure Furniture Company in Graham is observing its centennial year of business in Alamance County, North

Carolina. The business is run by Jim McClure, whose forebears started it, and his son Griffin.



I asked Jim if the company had ever used tokens in its operation; he knew he had not ordered any since he took charge in the late 1960's. When he remembered being in the store as a child, it sold refrigerators, coal and

wood-burning heaters, as well as assorted furniture. But he could not remember tokens being used. He agreed to search his business archives, however, because of a faint memory that it could have happened. What he found was the token pictured and described below.



ONE ON EACH ORDER / GREEN & McCLURE / THE FURNITURE MEN / THE EDISON / THE PHONOGRAPH WITH / A SOUL / \$ WE SAVE YOU \$ / GRAHAM, N.C. // GOOD FOR / \$1.00 / ON A PURCHASE / OF / \$20.00 / OR OVER – R, Al, 39 mm

McClure could not date the age of the token. But because he does not remember the store selling phonographs, he estimated it to be at least 70 years old. Below is a photograph of the storefront taken in the early twentieth century.



The man on the left is Mr. Green, and the man on the right is Jim's grandfather E.P. McClure. In the foreground, the street is unpaved, and three poles carry electric wires. To the left, over the brick archway, is a smaller sign reading "Undertakers and Embalmers." Before Jim's era, the company also sold coffins.



Jim was unsure who the three men are in this earlier photograph. Here the Green and McClure sign, which is on the window, is smaller, and there is only one wooden pole. The storefront is dominated by its large Edison advertisement, under which the words "Phonographs and Records" appear. The smaller "Furniture" sign is at a right angle to the walkway.

My research indicates that Edison began marketing his new product shortly after the end of World War I. The October 9, 1920, issue of *The Saturday Evening Post* carries a full page ad of the new Edison, "the phonograph with a soul." This phrase was to lead the inventor's marketing strategy. Thus its appearance on the reverse indicates a probable 1920's issue date for the Green and McClure token.

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Special thanks to Jim McClure for interviews, for searching his business archives, and for giving his permission to publish the photographs in this article.

A (MINOR) NEW FIND FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Don Bailey

I sometimes think that buying tokens is like running for political office. It seems you have to call on people repeatedly, make sure you are a familiar face and name, and hope that you appeal to them in some way.



Kirkwood / Dairy / Charlotte, / N. C. // Good For / 3¢ / Bottle – R, Al, 25mm.

Since moving back to North Carolina in 2002 I have called on a particular lady at least three dozen times. She always says she has tokens, but she “can’t find them”, or “needs to get them all together”, or some such. But in mid June she finally produced a token. It is an unknown variety from a known issuer. Thanks to Bob King we know the following about the Kirkwood Dairy.

Although Kirkwood Dairy does not appear in the 1922 Bradstreet, the 1921 Charlotte City Directory lists a Malcomb B. Blankenship whose occupation is a driver for Kirkwood Dairy. So clearly the dairy dates to 1921 or before. R. G. Kirkpatrick owned the Kirkwood Dairy in 1931 and Mrs. Jennie G. Kirkpatrick is listed as owner in 1932, 33, and 34. In 1935 the dairy was purchased by Charlotte Dairies, Inc.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

CLIFTON MANUFACTURING CO., CLIFTON & CONVERSE, SC COUPON SET OF 5 DIFFERENT (1¢, 2¢, 5¢, 10¢, and 25¢) circa 1920's. \$10 plus SASE. Optional insurance please add \$1.35. Steven Kawalec, P.O. Box 4281, Clifton NJ 07012 or owlprowler@aol.com.

(STUBBS, N.C.) BUFFALO MILLS / STORE // GF / 10¢ / IM round, aluminum, 24mm, uncirculated. \$12.00 with SASE. Tony Chibbaro, PO Box 420, Prosperity, SC 29127

WANTED

FISH TOKENS AND MEDALS; Image of a fish, scenes of fishing, the word fish, fishery, fishing, etc. Old or modern from all states and foreign places. Send description and price to Joe Elrod, 5433 US Hwy 221, Sparta NC.

ANY EARLY YEARS OF CHARLESTON DOG LICENSE TAGS eagerly sought. They are rectangle, copper, crude with small holes in each corner. Charleston is represented as c. c..

Bill Bone, 928 S.R. 2206, Clinton, KY 42031 270 653-6060 tagman2@earthlink.net

WHERE ARE THE DUPLICATES? I PAY eBay PRICE for tokens I don't have, or will trade a nice NC Token or other state you want. Happy to make trades fair with cash or token. Will drive long distance for a token. Bob King, 709 Cardinal Dr, Brevard, NC 28712-4260 828-883-8028 tokenaddict@citcom.net

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